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Master Chief Williams joined the Navy in 1974. He completed recruit training at RTC Orlando, Florida and transferred to the Service School Command in Great Lakes, Illinois for the basic Electricity and Electronics “Beep” School and Gunners Mate Class “A” School. After “A” School, he attended NATO Seasparrow Missile Systems Class “C” factory school in Wayland, Massachusetts.

Williams reported to *USS Kansas City* (AOR 3) in July 1976, where he maintained the NATO Seasparrow launcher, missile magazine and was the ship’s armorer. While aboard the ship he made two eight-month Western Pacific (WESTPAC) deployments and was advanced to Petty Officer Second Class before transferring. His next assignment was to Naval Ships Weapons System Engineering Station (NSWSES) Port Hueneme, California in June 1979. At NSWSES, he processed feedback reports, publication deficiency correction action reports and technical action bulletins. He was also promoted to Petty Officer First Class while at NSWSES.



In October 1981, he reported for duty onboard *USS Kitty Hawk* (CV 63). He was assigned duties as Leading Petty Officer for the NATO Seasparrow and close-in-weapons systems work center. In September 1983, he was selected and initiated as a Chief Petty Officer. He completed one WESPAC cruise and remained onboard the ship through a one-year overhaul in Bremerton, Washington before transferring to the Pre-Commission Unit (PCU) *USS Vincennes* (CG 49) in November 1984, in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Following nearly one year of additional training, *USS Vincennes* was commissioned in 1985, and subsequently steamed through the Panama Canal to San Diego, California, its new homeport.

In May 1986, Williams reported to Mobile Training Unit Thirteen (MOTU 13) in Subic Bay, Philippines. While there, he traveled extensively to deployed ships of the Sixth and Seventh Fleets to correct equipment casualties to gun and missile systems. In August 1989, he reported to *USS Callaghan* (DDG 994) in San Diego, California as the gun and missile systems chief. He was selected for advancement to Senior Chief Petty Officer in 1992. He completed one WESPAC deployment and a two-month cruise to South America for drug enforcement operations.

In 1993, he transferred to Fleet Training Center, San Diego, California where he managed the Gun Systems Division including all small arms courses, magazine sprinkler courses and two Gun System Class “C” Schools. He was selected for advancement to Master Chief Petty Officer in April 1996. Shortly after advancement he was transferred to the Weapons Department at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily. There he managed the largest weapons depot in the Mediterranean, supply ordnance to both Fifth and Sixth Fleet units in support of Operation Southern Watch. He also led NAS Sigonella’s Tomahawk Quick Response Teams in tactical reload operations with U.S. ships and submarines and NATO submarines in the Fifth and Sixth Fleets AORs.

Master Chief Williams reported as Command Master Chief to the Golden Warriors of Strike Fighter Squadron EIGHT-SEVEN (VFA 87) in January 2001. The Golden Warriors deployed aboard *USS Enterprise* (CVN 65) in April 2001. During Operation Enduring Freedom he achieved his Air Warfare qualification and is dual warfare qualified. He is authorized to wear the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and various campaign and unit awards. Master Chief Williams is a small arms instructor, motorcycle safety instructor and a Navy Master Training Specialist. He reported aboard Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk on June 12, 2002, and became the Command Master Chief on October 28, 2002.